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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear DOJ.

I am writing to express my deep concern with the Microsoft anti-trust case. I am a teacher and academic, with a concentration in internet technology. I wish to add my comment to the great body of criticism already compiled against Microsoft and its practices. Their behavior has been consistent and utter disregard of the welfare of the computer and IT industry, and the consuming public. The US DOJ must not back down from the more aggressive stance it held only 2 years ago. The most recent offers from the DOJ have been spineless, and seemingly politically motivated (with the shift in approach with the entrance of G. Bush).

Again, I recommend that the DOJ pursue the anti-trust issue to the limits of the law and demand that Microsoft be restructured to eliminate the risk of the business exerting its domineering monopoly presence on the rest of the industry. It is bad practice for the market, bad for the consumer, and bad for the development of technology. Monopolies are inherently anti-competitive, and anti-democratic. Technology, once forced under monopoly driven development, will always stunt technological progress.

Please push towards a complete punishment and prevention program, allowing even for the break up of Microsoft. Do not accept any settlement from Microsoft, I wouldn't trust them as far as I could throw them.

Thank you

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